

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PATENT APPLICATION OF: Kimihiko NISHIOKA, et al.
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ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 050931-0308962
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EXAMINER: CUTLER, Albert H.
FOR: OPTICAL ELEMENTS (SUCH AS VARI-FOCAL LENS COMPONENT, VARI-FOCAL
DIFFRACTIVE OPTICAL ELEMENT AND VARIABLE DECLINATION PRISM) AND
ELECTRONIC IMAGE PICK UP UNIT USING OPTICAL ELEMENTS

**Response to Final Office Action with
Request For Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed June 27, 2008, and in further reply to the Final Office Action mailed March 20, 2008, the date for responding being extended by two-month extension of time to August 20, 2008, and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 033975 (Ref. No. 050931-0308962).